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## **Public Invited to Oral Argument in San Luis Obispo on May 25**

Ventura—For the 20th time in its history, the Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District, Division Six, will hold oral argument in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert has announced.

Judges, attorneys, and the public are welcome to attend the event, which is designed to foster a better understanding of the appellate process. The session will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 1150 Monterey Street, Room 224, San Luis Obispo. Most of the cases to be argued originate from San Luis Obispo County.

The mock trial team from San Luis Obispo High School has been invited to review the briefs of a selected case and discuss the issues with counsel following oral argument. When the opinion is filed, a copy will be sent to the mock trial coordinator. A review of the opinion gives students an opportunity to better understand the issues and the reasoning used by the court in its opinion. Division Six won the Judicial Council's Ralph M. Kelps Award in 2000 for this program.

The San Luis Obispo Bar Association will host a reception for the justices at the Cliffs Hotel in Shell Beach from 5:30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on May 24.

Division Six also will hold oral argument in Santa Barbara from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. The Santa Barbara Bar Association will host a reception following oral argument.

*For more information on either May 25 or October 26 oral arguments, please call Paul McGill, Assistant Clerk/Administrator at 805-641-4711.*

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